

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Three Shuttle crews onsite to check out mission payloads, equipment



Annual race/walk treads sands of Cocoa Beach

▲ **Three Space Shuttle crews** have been at KSC this week for various familiarization activities. Along with the STS-96 crew, who are here for a Crew Equipment Interface Test, members of STS-99 and STS-101 missions have checked out payload processing in the Multi-Payload Processing Facility and at Astrotech, respectively. Mission STS-99, also known as the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, is targeted to launch Sept. 16, and mission STS-101, which will be the third U.S. flight for the International Space Station, is targeted to launch in early December.

◆ **The Eighth Annual Beat The Boss 5K Run And 2 Mile Walk** takes place Saturday, **March 27, 1999** at 8 a.m. to take advantage of low tide. Also, to take advantage of a flatter, firmer beach, the event was moved to Coconuts on the Beach, Cocoa Beach. The 5K run will start just south of Coconuts, run south for 1.5 miles, turn north for 1.6 miles and finish at Coconuts. A pancake breakfast will be provided by Coconuts. The 2 Mile Walk will go south 1 mile and return to Coconuts.

◆ **Tickets** are now on sale at all KSC NASA Exchange Retail Stores for the **1999 KSC All American Picnic** being held on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at KARS Park 1. They are \$4 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$3 for children (ages 3 to 12). The picnic has something for everyone to enjoy: **children's carnival, family sports, kids fishing tournament, a wildlife encounter, the antique car show, All-American cultural cuisine cook-off, and entertainment.** More detailed information can be found on the Picnic Web Site, located on the KSC Internal Home Page, or contact Ed Markowski at <mailto:Edward.Markowski-1@ksc.nasa.gov>. See you there!



◆ **Y2K & What You Should Know** — The KSC Y2K Working Group offers the following: “For more than 100 years, the American Red Cross has been at the cutting edge of disaster relief activities, helping people prevent, prepare for, and cope with disasters and other emergencies. That's why your Red Cross has published the following information about ‘Y2K--its potential effects and what you can do to be prepared.’ ” This excerpt was taken from the *American Red Cross Safety Y2K Disaster Services* web page at <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/y2k.html>. This informative web page includes very helpful frequently asked questions and attempts to answer all your questions about how the Y2K phenomenon can affect you. The bottom line is—don't be concerned or afraid—be prepared!

◆ **Did You Know?** The All-American Picnic organizers are looking for a few good men and women **volunteers**. Most are needed the day of the picnic, April 10, but some help is needed during the week prior. Anyone willing to help out, for even an hour or two, please contact Cindy Coddington, 867-3758, or Wanda Redmond, 861-3510.

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